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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

JAIPURIA et al.

Art Unit: 2172

Application Number: 09/901,630

Examiner: C. Chen

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 024430-00001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING NETWORKING POTENTIAL
USING A SECURED SYSTEM FOR AN ONLINE COMMUNITY

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Commissioner for Patents
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September 10, 2003
Technology Center 2100

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution in this application be directed at this time to Group I, as recited in claims 1-24, 31-48 and 51-55, drawn to database or file accessing, classified in class 707, subclass 1, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

Consequently, early examination and favorable action on claims 1-24, 31-48 and 51-55 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 024430-00001.**

Respectfully submitted,

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